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Sturdevant's Auto Parts: 6-7

Trooper Tedder
Nominated nationally: 9

Housing party
A success: B5

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\$1.30 includes tax

WHAT'S UP

Women's expo

Ladies Night is April 2, 4-9 p.m. at Dakota Event Center, Aberdeen, including shopping, interactive classes, health screenings and wine tasting. Tickets are available at Ken's SuperFair Foods, Mavericks Steak & Cocktails and Sanford Aberdeen Medical Center welcome desk.

Project 22 to be shown

Project 22 will be shown April 13, 14 and 15, showtime 7:30 p.m. at the Webster Theatre. Advance tickets are available from Travis at Sturdevant's, Webster or the Veterans Service Office.

Birthday bash

Bristol Pool's 40th birthday bash is April 1 starting at 5:30 p.m. at the H.O.T. Spot, Bristol. Other activities include silent auction 5:30-7, live auction at 7:30 and Mark Remily Karaoke at 9.

Pancake brunch

Our Savior's Lutheran Church pancake brunch will be served April 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Waubay School Commons. There will also be a basket raffle and 50/50 drawing.

Vision team gathering

Design:SD vision team gathering is March 30, 5-6:30 p.m. in the Day County Courthouse. Teams will meet individually with our community coach March 30-31 to discuss challenges and solutions. More details are available at WebsterSD.com or 345-3159.

Freedom Church worship

Freedom Church will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus March 26 with worship at 7 p.m. preceded by potluck at 5:30 at Webster Elementary School gym.

Ducks Unlimited banquet

Day County Chapter Ducks Unlimited Banquet is March 31 at The Galley, Webster. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 followed by the auction. Tickets are available at Sturdevant's or contact Travis Ascher, 412-6055 for information.

PUBLIC NOTICE PREVIEW

On the Public Notices pages, you'll find school board meeting minutes, election information, county equalization and tax exemption applications, property sale and hearing, name change, quotes and opt out notices. See pages B8-B9.

WEATHER

Day County Sheriff's Office

	High	Low
March 18	38	23
March 19	38	27
March 20	40	28
March 21	51	30
March 22	58	29
March 23	38	20
March 24	48	23

Inserts: A&W, Mike's Jack & Jill

Former finance officer allegedly embezzled from town of Grenville

Grand theft charges in separate stolen credit card case have been filed

by Amanda Fanger

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Allegations of pilfering by a former financial officer of Grenville stem from the misallocation of municipality funds over the course of nearly 14 months. Charges have likewise been filed in a separate case pertaining to a stolen credit card involving the same individual.

The town board of Grenville is "most definitely seeking prosecution" against former financial officer Becky Jo Kennedy said board president Andrew Dolney last week when

the findings of a South Dakota Department of Legislative Audit were made public. Russell Olson, local government audit manager of the Department of Legislative Audit, said the findings of that report show Kennedy possibly misallocated nearly \$72,000.

Day County State's Attorney Danny Smeins said Kennedy is facing potential charges of embezzlement in the case.

"We're reviewing criminal prosecution in connection with that report," Smeins said. He also called the

amount of money Kennedy is accused of stealing, "substantial."

Kennedy, 50, Grenville, is also being prosecuted on an unrelated grand theft case. She appeared in Day County Court March 23 for charges of obtaining property or services with a false debit or credit card. Court documents show that charges she's accused of in that case total more than \$11,000.

In the second case, Kennedy is accused of stealing a credit card which had been issued to Patricia Mitchell. According to court documents,

Mitchell reported her Capital One credit card had \$11,031 worth of fraudulent charges. The documents say she maintained the card was typically kept at a zero balance and only used for emergency purposes.

The case was investigated by South Dakota Department of Criminal Investigation special agent Brandon Neitzert who found that an email address associated with records related to the card had been switched, presumably from Mitchell's to Kennedy's. Security camera footage

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Reporter & Farmer photo by Amanda Fanger

Kyle Monteith stands in his home gallery March 21 next to one of the mounts he recently won awards on at the North Dakota Taxidermy Association. This male and female Lady Amherst, a type of nonnative pheasant, shown here won Monteith "Best Exotic," "Best Pheasant" and the "Competitors Award" in the masters division at that state's convention March 4-6. He also won "Taxidermists Choice Best Waterfowl" and the "Competitors Award" for a second mount featuring two male wood ducks (one was an albino) and he received "Best of Category" on the pheasant mount by earning the highest score in the masters division.

Monteith wins awards for skill set he's still developing

by Amanda Fanger

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Even with award-winning, master-level skills at his disposal, Kyle Monteith is convinced he has more yet to learn about his craft.

Earlier this month, Kyle received multiple awards at the North Dakota Taxidermy Association contest for two bird mounts

he entered. The contest was held March 4-6 in Mandan, ND.

For a mount featuring two male wood ducks - one of which is an albino - Kyle received "Taxidermists Choice Best Waterfowl" and "Competitors Award." On a mount with a male and female Lady Amherst pheasant, he won "Best Exotic," "Best Pheasant," "Competitors Award" as well as "Best of Category" in the master's division, which means he had the highest score of the contest in that divi-

sion. This was Kyle's second year attending the North Dakota Taxidermy Association contest.

Kyle has been competing for at least the past decade and has been doing so in the masters category (the highest level of competition) since about 2011.

"I've gone through all the growing pains... it's definitely been a struggle," he said about his craft.

Among the first contests that Kyle ever went to turned out to be

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Solution is closer than realized

Teachers tour businesses, gain insight, bringing students to prosperity

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The opportunity for professional growth is right here in Day County.

After local educational leaders toured four separate businesses March 18 during a "Teacher Tour Day" orchestrated by the Webster Area Development Corporation, the community may be one beam closer to bridging a stronger local workforce.

"One of the concerns is our teachers might not realize all the opportunities that

exist in Webster," said Webster high school assistant principal and WADC advisory member Amy Miller. "(Students) constantly get the impression that they have to go somewhere else."

Relocating to big cities for prestigious, high-paying jobs, Miller noted, is a pre-conceived notion that may be shared among circles of Day County's secondary students. But as educational leaders experienced and learned firsthand the availability of lifetime profes-

sions here in the heart of South Dakota's glacial lakes, remaining within the community could be as satisfying as living along New York City's Park Avenue.

"There's everything from welders, to drafters, to engineers, accountants, heavy equipment operators and manufacturers..." Miller added. "There are jobs right here in Day County."

From four 40 minute touring sessions led by the CEOs and head honchos of Mereen-Johnson Machine Company, Webster Scale, Dakota Foundry and Anderson Industries, teachers obtained information pertaining to a vast variety of workforce responsibilities current and nearly graduated

local high schoolers may be inclined to pursue.

"I'm hoping they see that they can come out to this industrial park and make a good living," said Josh Bartos, vice president of manufacturing at Dakota Foundry. "Just come up here and apply. We really want to tap into our high school kids out here."

Bartos guided six groups of what he said were engaged and interested teachers through a foundry that sometimes radiates with 2,700 degree iron.

"We're lucky to have teachers that take their time to do this," said Bartos.

After high school, when Bartos began working in the

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Area's unlocked vehicles become targets of crime

by Amanda Fanger

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It's not yet known whether a string of vehicle burglaries taking place in the Webster area are linked to those happening in other parts of the region recently but local authorities do know the crimes could be prevented...if only people locked their vehicles.

According to Webster Police Officer Mike Burns, several vehicles around Webster have been broken into within the past week or so and spare change and small valuables have been taken. Of those, Burns said all have been unlocked.

For the most part, spare change is all that's been reported missing from the vehicles, but Burns said there was a report of one vehicle having a radar detector taken and another missing some sort of ring, possibly an engagement ring.

In most of the cases, the vehicles have been reported as parked on the street, according to Burns, although there was one that was in a driveway, he said.

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Couples will have 'enchanted' time at Waubay prom

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This year's Waubay High School prom theme is "An Enchanted Forest" and will be held April 1.

The theme colors will be black, purple and shades of blue, according to junior class president Shelby Ness. The junior class is in charge of decorations, which will also include a gazebo. She said other decorations will be flower balls hanging around with white trees and white lights, as well as birdcages rigged with lights.

Tailfeather Photography will provide pictures and the dance DJ will be Ultimate Entertainment.

The grand march begins at 9 p.m. Doors open to parents at 8:30 and to the public at 8:45.

Prior to the dance, prom-goers will attend a banquet at The Galley in Webster, beginning at 7 p.m.

At midnight, students will board a Waubay school bus and head to the after prom party in Watertown where they'll enjoy laser tag. The after prom party will be sponsored by the After Prom Committee. A Saturday morning breakfast is being planned at HyVee in Watertown.

This year's junior class council is: Ness, president; Jenna Larson, vice president and Vanessa Kurkowski, secretary-treasurer.



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